(b) the number of villages that have seasonal difficulty;

(c) the number of villages earmarked with "No source of Water"; and

(d) the schemes to provide water to such villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the information received from the State Government of Gujarat as on 1.4.2000, out of a total of 30269 rural habitations in the State, 293 habitations are "Not Covered", 3127 "are partially Covered" and remaining 26849 are "Fully Covered" with access to drinking water facilities. .

(b) The State has also informed that 6312 habitations have seasonal difficulty.

(c) As per the information furnished by the State Government, 14928 are declared as "No source" habitations, upto 31.3.1999.

(d) In accordance with the National Agenda for Governance of the Government, the State- Government of Gujarat has prepared action plans to provide drinking water to all rural habitations in five years time. This objective could be achieved, subject to availability of funds.

Use of solar energy for rural water supply schemes

5616. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Drinking Water Mission has received any proposal to use solar energy for operating rural water supply schemes;

(b) if so, when such a proposal was received;

(c) whether this proposal has been examined;

(d) whether any pilot scheme has been sought for some areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the status of proposals to use solar energy for rural drinking water schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject and schemes relating to rural drinking water supply are implemented by State/UT Governments under State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government supplements the efforts of States/

UTs by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). So far, Government of India have sanctioned 320 Solar Pumping Systems in 16 States, out of which 308 solar pumps have already been installed for providing safe drinking water to non- electrified remote rural areas where conventional systems were not feasible. The State-wise details of the same are given in the enclosed statement *{See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement

Status of Solar Energy Pumps installed in Rural Water Supply Schemes UnderARWSP

S.No.	State	No. of SPV pumps approved	No. of SPV pumps installed,
1.	Andhra Pradesh	81	69
2.	Assam	4	4
3.	Bihar	10	10
4.	Gujarat	12	12
5.	Karnataka	18	18
6.	Kerala"	7	7
7.	Madhya Pradesh	88	88
8.	Maharashtra	11	11
9.	Meghalaya	"4	4
10.	Orissa	6	6
11.	Rajasthan	43	43
12.	Sikkim.	5	5
13.	Tamil Nadu	15	15
14.	Tripura'	5	5
15.	Uttar Pradesh	2	2
16.	West Bengal	9	9
	TOTAL:	320	308

*SPV: Solar Photo Voltaic